considered a threat to an efficient domestic industry. However, the following safeguards have been provided in the context of liberalisation and globalisation:

(i) Compliance of Press Note No. 18 of 1998 Series by the foreign collaborator for setting up multiple ventures;

(ii) Insistence on a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Indian company in case of acquisition of shares by the foreign collaborator in an existing company to prevent hostile takeovers.

(iii) Imposition of a minimum 50% export obligation along with the requirement of industrial license for manufacture of SSI reserved items by a company with more than 24% foreign equity.

(iv) Imposition of the condition of dividend balancing for a period of seven years on manufacturing of 22 specified consumer items.

Obligations under WTO

323. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the country's obligations under the World Trade Organisation yet to be fulfilled; and

(b) the steps proposed for early legislation in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) India has proposed relevant legislations *inter-alia* to fully comply with its obligations to provide the required level of protection to Patents, Industrial designs and Layout designs or Integrated Circuits as required under the WTO agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). India has also proposed a legislation to provide an effective sui generis system for the protection of plant varieties.

Tea Cultivation in Orissa

324. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectares of land brought under tea cultivation in Orissa and the details thereof;

(b) whether the plantation of tea in Orissa has proved to be remunerative;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether additional hectares of land in that State is proposed to be brought under tea plantation; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) So far 213 hectares of land has been brought under tea cultivation in the Keonjhar District of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Tea plantations had a set back in the year 1989 in the State of Orissa due to unprecedented drought which resulted in heavy casualty of the bushes. However, the gardens have since been revived and during the year 1999, one lakh kg of tea was produced.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The State Government has plans to bring 1000 hectares of land under tea cultivation for the benefit of small tribal farmers. An area of 100 ha. has already been identified by the State Govt. for immediate tea planting.

Import of Second Hand Cars

325. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any restriction has been imposed on imports of second hand foreign cars to ensure that India do not become a dumping ground of junks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that pollution norms and safety norms are tested before permitting any import of automobiles?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Second hand/used motor cars (including jeeps and land rovers), are classified under Exim Code No. 87.03 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items. Presently imports under this Exim Code are restricted.

(c) Since the import of second hand foreign cars is restricted, the question does not arise.

Development of Commerce through Surface Route

326. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to Bangladesh Government for the development of commerce between the two countries;